

**On-Going Clergy Formation  
Circular 2004-21**

**To all Parish Priest and Diocesan Clergy:**

Peace of the Risen Lord!

I would like to remind you of the upcoming activities regarding our clergy formation as discussed and agreed upon in the clergy meeting last April 27 and confirmed in the meeting of the Presbyteral Council this May 14, as follows:

- **May 25 Meeting** at the Good Shepherd Cathedral, in preparation for the 3-day clergy renewal, we are holding a whole day of reflection-sharing. I expect you to be here at 8:00 am and be present from the beginning until the end (about 4:00 in the afternoon) of this special day of camaraderie and faith sharing.
- **June 1-3 Clergy Renewal** at Angels Hills Retreat House ((046-4132501) located at Arnoldus Road, Maitim 2<sup>nd</sup> East, Tagaytay (beside the Convent of the Pink Sisters). May we request each Vicariate to arrange for your own means of transportation. We are expected to be there at 11:00 am. Contribution for each priest is pegged at Php 2,250.00.
- **July 5-9 National Congress of the Clergy** at World Trade Center, PICC, Manila. Registration Fee per participant is Php 1,000.00. Please pay at the Chancery soonest.

As I stated in the last Clergy Meeting, I expect ***ALL the clergy of the Diocese, diocesan and religious***, to be present in the above-mentioned activities, most especially in the Clergy Renewal. I will be most interested to personally know the circumstances surrounding the absence of anyone in the said activities. I hope there is no need for me to explain the utmost necessity of the continuing clergy formation especially for a new diocese like ours.

In the light of such necessity, I am appointing a representative from each vicariate to form a team whose main functions are: (1) to plan, recommend and implement clergy formation program; (2) to assist the respective Vicar Forane in the task of clergy formation; and, (3) to assure coordination of such formation efforts on the vicariate and diocesan level.

Fr. Jun de Peralta - Vicariate of Christ the King  
Fr. Luke Dobles - Vicariate of San Bartolome  
Fr. Allan Samonte - Vicariate of Our Lady of Mercy  
Fr. Gerald Tan - Vicariate of the Ascension of the Lord  
Fr. Chris Santos - Vicariate of the Good Shepherd  
Fr. James Gaa - Vicariate of St. Peter  
Fr. Pong del Rosario - Vicariate of San Isidro

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May in the Year of our Lord, 2004.

Sincerely,

**Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD**  
Bishop

Attested to by:

**Rev. Fr. Jaime Z. Lara**  
Chancellor